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SUBJECT : FOREIGN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

COMMERCE FOR ALL DIVISIONS OF OIM AND OED

1. OVER PAST FEW MONTHS, EMBASSY HAS BEEN EXPERIENCING
CONSIDERABLE DELAYS IN MAIL TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, BOTH
INTERNATIONAL AND OFFICIAL. FURTHERMORE, U.S. COMPANY
OPERATING LOCALLY HAS REPORTED THAT SOMETIMES PRINTED MAIL
SENT FIRST CLASS WHICH IS VERY BULKY HAS BEEN DIVERTED IN
PRACTICE TO THIRD CLASS HANDLING.

2. IN ANOTHER CASE, TENDER DOCUMENTS SENT BY AIR CARGO HAVE
ENDED UP IN CUSTOMS. WHILE NO DUTIES ARE PAYABLE ON PRINTED
MATTER, THERE IS A MINIMAL CUSTOMS FEE TO CLEAR THEM OUT,
WHICH CENTRAL TENDERS BOARD IS NOT IN POSITION TO PAY.

3. COMMERCE SHOULD TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO ALERT POTENTIAL
BIDDERS ON GOVERNMENT TENDERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE FOR LARGE
PROJECTS FOR WHICH REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION IS EXTENSIVE AND
BULKY, THAT MAIL HANDLING OF TENDERS CANNOT BE RELIED
ON TO MEET TENDER CLOSING DATES. WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT
RECOMMEND THAT COMMERCE OFFER TO ASSIST THROUGH DEPART-
MENT OF STATE FACILITIES, AS THIS SERVICE HAS BEEN
EXPERIENCING ITS OWN PROBLEMS OF LATE. ONLY SOLUTION WE
SEE TO GUARANTEE DELIVERY TO TENDERS BOARD BY DUE DATE IS
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FOR COMPANY TO ARRANGE DELIVERY IN PERSON THROUGH RELIABLE
INDIVIDUAL. IF IMPORTANT CONTACT IS AT STAKE, DELIVERY
BY COMPANY REP SHOULD SERIOUSLY BE CONSIDERED.

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